



DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY
HALIFAX, N.S.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 11, 1938.

Dear Principal Douglas:

May I join in welcoming you, not only to McGill University, but to the academic life of this country. All university men throughout Canada are deeply interested in the scholarly and spiritual prosperity of McGill University, which has played so great a rôle in the past. Those of us who have had the honor of association with McGill observe her fortunes very closely and sympathetically.

I read the account of your installation with deep interest. In your quotation from Acton, you touched the very matter in which all universities, not merely those of Canada, must cooperate. We have to face the possibility that political freedom may be perishing in the world: it has happened before. But we must remember that if so the first part of the fabric to perish will be the universities. Churches and newspapers lingered a little while in Germany, but the universities were extinguished in the first few weeks after Hitler's accession.

But this will be a letter, if I am not careful. Please do not consider it such, nor take time to reply in these busy days you will have. Only accept my very best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Carleton Stanley

Dr. L. W. Douglas,
Principal, McGill University,
M o n t r e a l, P. Q.